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Christopher Rolando, Treasurer
Arizona Supports Rick Murphy
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RE: MUR 5777
Arizona Supports Rick Murphy and
Christopher Rolando, in his official
capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Rolando:

On September 19, 2006, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on behalf of Arizona Supports Rick Murphy and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the Commission has closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Q. Lockett", is written over a horizontal line.

Roy Q. Lockett
Attorney

Enclosure:
Conciliation Agreement

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3 **BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**
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5 In the Matter of)
6) MUR 5777
7 Arizona Supports Rick Murphy and)
8 Christopher Rolando, in his official)
9 capacity as treasurer)
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11 **CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**
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13 This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant
14 to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities.

15 The Commission found reason to believe that Arizona Supports Rick Murphy and Christopher
16 Rolando, in his official capacity as treasurer (collectively "Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C.
17 § 434(b)(4).

18 NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in
19 informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree
20 as follows:

21 I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this
22 proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C.
23 § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

24 II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should
25 be taken in this matter.

26 III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

27 IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

28 1. Arizona Supports Rick Murphy is the principal campaign committee of Rick Murphy,
29 a 2004 candidate in Arizona's Second Congressional District.

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2. Christopher Rolando is the treasurer of Arizona Supports Rick Murphy.

3. The treasurer of a political committee must file reports of all receipts and disbursements in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1).

4. A political committee is required to file a pre-election election report no later than the 12th day before any election in which the candidate is seeking election, or nomination for election. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)(A)(i). Such report shall disclose the total amount of disbursements by the committee. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(1).

5. On August 27, 2004, Respondents filed their 2004 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, which covered the period from July 1, 2004 to August 18, 2004, disclosing disbursements totaling \$1,769.48 on Line 17 (Operating Expenditures) of the Detailed Summary Page.

6. On February 4, 2005, Respondents filed an amended 2004 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, which disclosed disbursements of \$278,565.73 on Line 17 (Operating Expenditures) of the Detailed Summary Page, an increase of \$276,796.25 from the initial report. The 2004 12 Day Pre-Primary Report was further amended on March 22, 2005, and January 13, 2006, with the same information on Line 17 as the first amended report.

7. Respondents did not comply with reporting requirements when they failed to disclose \$276,796.25 in disbursements in their 2004 12 Day Pre-Primary General Report.

V. Respondents failed to report \$276,796.25 in disbursements in their 2004 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4). Respondents will cease and desist from violating 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4).

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VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date of this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

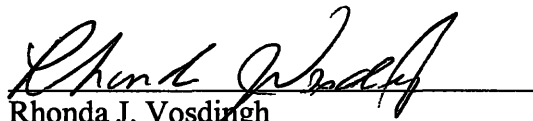
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X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

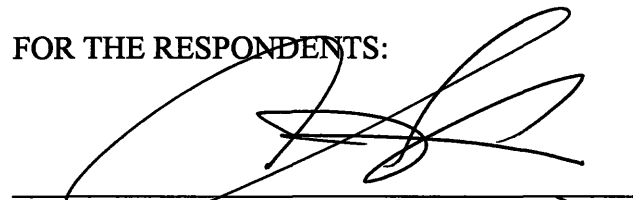
Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

BY:


Rhonda J. Vosdinger
Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

9/25/06
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


(Name) CHRISTOPHER P. ROLANDO
(Position) Treasurer

AUGUST 31, 2006
Date

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